

Life Group Discussion Questions

Sunday, November 19th, 2023

Exodus 15:1-21

Pastor Nate Holdridge

ICEBREAKER QUESTION: What is something about God's nature that you are thankful for? Why?

HEAD

These questions will help us understand what the scripture teaches (who God is, what He's done, who we are, and how we should live).

- 1) What stood out to you in this section of scripture or from Sunday's sermon?
- 2) What do we learn about Israel's understanding of Yahweh from their song?

HEART

These questions will shape our hearts in light of the gospel. Our goal will be to align what we know with what we believe in our hearts.

- 3) What elements would you include in your song to the Lord? How could you respond in worship to God's recent work in your life?
- 4) Why is it important for a Christian to cultivate "pre-victory singing" in their life? How can you choose to worship God before breakthroughs come?

Going Deeper: What other victory songs in the Bible could inspire you in your own worship?

HANDS

This question will be geared towards us responding to the passage by allowing the Holy Spirit to change how we live.

- 5) Is there any area of hardness or unbelief in your heart that this passage encouraged you to soften towards God? What practical steps can you take to embrace God's covenant love for you more fully?

Prayer Application: Pray for Foreign Soils, a ministry that provides community and training for military wives to not only survive foreign stations but also to thrive and engage in God's mission abroad.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

These announcements are filled with ways that Calvary's vision & mission are realized in our church. We can see Jesus Famous in our lives by loving Him, growing in Him, and sharing Him in these different opportunities.

Christmas Eve Services

It's 5 weeks until Christmas! It's a gift to be able to gather together on Christmas Eve and celebrate the gift of Jesus, God sending his own son to live with us, and die for us, and provide victory over sin through his resurrection. We will be celebrating on Sunday, December 24th, at 10am, 4pm, and 6pm. Each service will include a time of worship, a Christmas message by Pastor Nate, and songs from our kid's choir. Children will be invited to join their families for service. There will be multiple seating options available in the Main Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Family room, Nursing Mom's room, and outdoor seating on the patio.

Christmas Eve is a prime opportunity to step into serving God and your church. The Calvary Kids, Connect Team, and Setup/Teardown crews would love to connect with you about helping at one of our Christmas Eve services! Text 831-217-7999 or visit calvary.com/christmaseve for more information on how to serve.

Foster Care Christmas Outreach

Speaking of Christmas, it's time for one of our favorite outreaches of the year! This year, we have the Christmas gift requests of 200 children who are currently in foster care here in Monterey County. Come by the Welcome Center after service to sign out an ornament or two that has the child's name, age, and gift request on it. Be sure to take the instruction sheet with the important checklist for purchasing, wrapping, and returning your gift. It also includes a QR code to info on how to talk about foster care with your own kids, scripture passages to study related to caring for the vulnerable, and suggestions for how to pray for the child on your ornament. Imagine if, for the next 3 weeks, 200 of the foster children in our county were prayed for every day by name. Let's remember these precious kids in our community this Christmas. Gifts and ornaments are due back in 2 weeks, on December 3rd.

Sanctuary Seating

Thank you so much for your cooperation last week with our encouragement to sit a bit closer in the Sanctuary to make room for more people in our Sunday services. The goal is to provide every opportunity for more people to meet Jesus, and sometimes that means doing something really practical, like scooting over a bit, not leaving empty chairs between you and others, or being willing to not sit in your favorite seat every Sunday, we all have our spots, I know! As a reminder, we also have the Family Room and Nursing Mom's room available for families, as well as patio seating and our new Fellowship Hall for additional seating if you prefer a bit more elbow room. Thank you for helping us steward our facility to the best of our ability so that more people can come to know Jesus.

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